THE

ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION,

LANCASTER

FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND, CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb or deaf, the cripple or the blind:
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind;
Babes though full-grown; the page of life a blot.

Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred?
Their need o'erlooked? Shall Charity pass by—
Leave them to perish—with averted eye?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord!

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I devise my [describe the property fully] free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Institution at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

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VOTING REGULATIONS.

Each County shares in the benefits of the Institution in proportion to the amount of its contributions, and the CENTRAL COMMITTEE most earnestly APPEAL for DONATIONS and SUBSCRIPTIONS, in order that full advantage may be taken of the accommodation, which the new Farm Colony increases to 750 beds.

Free patients are periodically elected by the votes of contributors, and are received for seven years or more, subject to the rules and regulations of the Institution. Suitable cases are eligible for re-election for a further period.

At every Election to fill vacancies for their respective Counties, Donors and Subscribers are entitled to one life-vote for every five guineas given in donations, and to an annual vote for every half-guinea subscribed annually by them to the funds of the Institution. For higher sums the votes increase in the same proportion. Smaller amounts are gratefully received.

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Collecting books may be had on application to the Secretary. Annual subscriptions are renewable on the first day of January or July, and continue until their cessation is notified. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster; or to the General Treasurers, the Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Company, Limited, LANCASTER. Early intimation of money paid into Local Banks should be sent to Mr. Keir, in order that the usual official acknowledgment may promptly be made.

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PROSPECTUS.

THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION was established in 1864 for the care, education and training of the improvable Feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. It was erected and is supported by voluntary contributions, and patients are admitted both FREE BY ELECTION and also, WITHOUT ELECTION, AT RATES VARYING FROM 25 TO 200 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. Votes are allotted to subscribers and donors according to the amount contributed, and there are always many election applicants. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IS RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS BOTH AT BRUNTON HOUSE AND IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

Imbecility being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, imbeciles require distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of imbeciles with lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious, and this view is strongly supported by the Report of the recent Royal Commission on the Poor Laws.

That much may be done to render the imbecile's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing Institutions, experience proving that about "10 per cent. become self-supporting," while 40 per cent. are "so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock." The results of specific treatment have been thus described: "Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual and depraved." Dr. Séguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of imbeciles: "Not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The census returns for 1911 show that in the Seven Associated Counties, with a population numbering 12,093,649, there were 14,673 imbecile or feeble-minded persons, a figure which would be increased to 43,312 by the inclusion of the 28 639 returned as insane. The question was thoroughly investigated by the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded, and the following extracts are taken from their Report, published in 1908: "We have found that, however it be dealt with, the problem of the care and control of the mentally-defective assumes a new aspect and larger proportions as it is

more accurately and completely studied.—Of the gravity of the present state of things there is no doubt. The mass of facts that we have collected, the statements of our witnesses, and our own personal visits and investigations, compel the conclusion that there are numbers of mentally-defective persons whose training is neglected, over whom no sufficient control is exercised, and whose wayward and irresponsible lives are productive of crime and misery, of much injury and mischief to themselves and to others, and of much continuous expenditure wasteful to the community and to individual families.—Our general conclusion is that we are dealing with conditions chiefly inherited, and subject, therefore, to amelioration only to the extent to which the mental and physical force available in the individual approaches to the normal. But this conclusion does not preclude a considerable advance in knowledge and self-command among the higher grades of the defective—so far at least that they may be trained so as to contribute materially to their self-support."

The Royal Albert Institution was twice visited by deputations from the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded, these visitors including the Chairman (the Earl of Radnor), and it is gratifying to find them placing on record in their Report the following testimony to the value of the work done by such Institutions : "It is admitted generally that voluntary Institutions are economically managed, and that it is of great service to have at the disposal of the authorities and the community that personal work, endeavour and influence which are characteristic of them."

The Royal Albert Institution is situated about a mile from Lancaster ; and the estate upon which it is erected consists of 277 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District. Accommodation has been provided for about 750 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of the feeble-minded. The system of training is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental and moral improvement of the patients.

Besides the school instruction, training is given in a great variety of useful occupations. The boys are taught tailoring, shoemaking, basketmaking, brushmaking, matmaking, joinery and cabinetmaking, woodcarving, toymaking, printing, bookbinding, weaving, cordmaking and baking ; and there are excellent means of out-door employment and training in farm and garden work. The girls are trained in knitting, sewing, lacemaking, hatmaking, cooking and other household occupations, and in toymaking and laundry work.

The results of training are shown by the following statistics: Since the opening of the Institution in December, 1870, 3,664 patients have been admitted, nearly all of whom have been considerably improved, some 10 per cent. having become self-supporting. Practically no case leaves the Institution altogether unimproved.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission ; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Blindness or Deafness is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations :

Patients.—Two classes are admitted :

1. Free patients, between the ages of six and fifteen at the date of application, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and are received for seven years or more, subject to the rules and regulations of the Institution. Suitable cases are eligible for re election for a further period.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without election and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants, and there is no age restriction.

Applications for Admission.—Applications must be addressed to the Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain whether there is a reasonable probability of benefit from the treatment adopted in the Institution, and to enable them to decide the terms on which the candidates ought to be admitted. Before every Election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers, or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of five guineas have a life-vote, and Annual Subscribers of half a guinea an annual vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every ten guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The government of the Institution is confided to:

(*a*) A Central Committee, which consists of representatives from each of the Local Committees, in addition to fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, elected at each Annual General Meeting.

(*b*) County Committees constituted by the members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Institution.

(*c*) Local Committees formed for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Institution. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one representative to the Central Committee, and also an additional representative for each entire thousand guineas in donations after the first thousand guineas, and for each entire fifty guineas in annual subscriptions after the first fifty guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 733 inmates now in the Institution, 277 belong to Lancashire, 227 to Yorkshire, 65 to Durham, 63 to Cheshire, 40 to Cumberland, 26 to Northumberland and 23 to Westmorland. Twelve payment cases belong to counties not included in the Institution district.

The OBJECT, being one of broad Christian philanthropy CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee confidently appeal for help to rescue the Feeble-minded from physical deterioration and mental and moral darkness. The applications for admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

DONORS OF FIVE HUNDRED GUINEAS ARE ENTITLED TO NAME AN ENDOWED BED, WHICH WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY A BRASS TABLET.

Reports, regulations, application forms and other information will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster.

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The Central Committee desire to draw attention to the advantages of BRUNTON HOUSE as a Home for Private Patients attending the scholastic and industrial classes at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE, *with its extensive private grounds, is pleasantly situated at a little distance from the Institution, and combines for Patients paying remunerative rates the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management. Terms on application to the Secretary.*

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF PATIENTS,

MAY 25th, 1917.

An ELECTION of Thirty Patients was held at the Institution on Friday, May 25th, 1917. There were no unsuccessful candidates, the whole of the applicants being elected. In order to allow of the retention of patients likely to show further improvement under continued care and training, or whose discharge is deemed inadvisable—either in their own interests or for the sake of the general community—the Central Committee have adopted the principle of re-election. The following list of the elected applicants contains the names of ten patients who, having already had the benefit of the usual term of seven years, have been again elected under this system for an additional term :

LANCASHIRE.—Allan Pendlebury Hope, Great Lever, Bolton, 3,144 votes; Annie Stuart Kelly, Wigan, 3,144; Doris Winifred Longley, Manchester, 3,144; Frederick Francis Longley, Manchester, 3,144; Robert Ryan, West Gorton, Manchester, 3,144; Eric White, Manchester, 3,144; Edith Florence Coburn, Liverpool, 3,134; Maud Mary Crowther, Liverpool, 3,134; Florence Keefe, Liverpool, 3,134; Emily Elizabeth Berry, Garstang, 3,098; Elizabeth Eckersley, Preston, 3,098.

YORKSHIRE.—Mabel Godfrey Lister, Ilkley, 1,499; Mina Oliver Sidebottom, Saltaire, 1,499; David Smith, Keighley, 1,499; Edmund Burton, Halifax, 1,436; Maurice Corboy, Luddendenfoot, 1,436; Fred Smith, Halifax, 1,436; Harold Sykes, Huddersfield, 1,436; Mabel Thompson, Sheffield, 1,436.

CHESHIRE.—Charles Edward Anderson, Birkenhead, 290; Margaret Nancy Drinkwater, Hale, 290; Peter Gartland, Birkenhead, 290.

WESTMORLAND.—Maggie Kitching, Pooley Bridge, 155.

CUMBERLAND.—Alfred Wm. Lancaster, Aspatria, 153; George Wade, Hensingham, Whitehaven, 153.

DURHAM.—John Francis Beck, Jarrow, 190; Jane Davison, Ryhope, 190; Sidney Taylor, Gateshead, 190; Eva Weighill, Hunwick, Durham, 190.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Robert Gordon Montgomery Watteen, Newcastle, 100.

SAMUEL KEIR, SECRETARY.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT LANCASTER,

OCTOBER 26th, 1917.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the De Vitré Hall of the Institution on Friday, October 26th, 1917. The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), presided, and there was a very good attendance of Members and Subscribers.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held at Lancaster on Friday, October 27th, 1916, were confirmed and signed.

Lord Richard Cavendish, in the course of an earnest appeal, said that generous support was more than ever necessary because the usefulness of the Institution was extending. The accommodation had been taxed to the utmost limit, the average number of patients having increased from 706 to 725. The necessity of extension was always kept in mind by the Committee, and this question would be dealt with as soon as building again became possible. Some people, thinking the State was going to take over the care of the feeble-minded, came to the conclusion that there was no longer any need for their generosity; but he urged the necessity of maintaining the voluntary character of the Royal Albert Institution. It was founded and had always been maintained on voluntary lines, and if the scope of its usefulness were to be extended this could only be done by the continuance of the support accorded by the benevolent public of the seven associated northern counties.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed:

1.—That the Fifty-third Annual Report of the Central Committee be approved and adopted, their appeal for continued and increased support heartily endorsed, and the Committee warmly congratulated upon their successful conduct of the Institution under conditions of exceptional difficulty.

Moved by G. D. Killey, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, and seconded by W. G. Welch, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee.

2.—That the Collectors and Honorary Officers of the Ladies' Associations be warmly thanked for their loyalty and perseverance in face of growing difficulties, and that the services of the County and Local Committees be also acknowledged very gratefully.

Moved by H. L. Storey, Esq., D.L., Vice-Chairman of the House Committee, and seconded by Wm. Briggs, Esq., The Worshipful the Mayor of Lancaster.

3.—That the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee be cordially thanked for their services, and that the following gentlemen be appointed Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year:

The Right Hon. Lord Richard Frederick Cavendish, C.M.G.
Rev. Walter Langley Appleford.
George James Booth, Esq.
William Briggs, Esq.
Henry Joseph Coulston, Esq.
Gerald Garnett, Esq.
James Heald, Esq.
Sir Norval Watson Helme, M.P.
Sir Alfred Sharpe, K.C.M.G., C.B.
Herbert Lushington Storey, Esq.
Isaac Henry Storey, Esq.
Rev. Arthur Roger Tomlinson.
Capt. James Williamson Wearing.
William Gibbins Welch, Esq.
John George Wright, Esq.

Moved by P. J. Hibbert, Esq., D.L., Grange over-Sands, and seconded by Samuel Taylor, Esq., Ulverston.

4.—That, in order to save during the war time the labour and expense connected with the printing, issuing and tabulating of voting-papers, the 1918 Election of Patients be left entirely to the Central Committee, who are hereby authorised, on behalf of the voting Subscribers and Donors and the County Committees, to elect such candidates as they may deem advisable.

Moved by Sir Alfred Sharpe, K.C.M.G., C.B., Lancaster, and seconded by C. W. Allan Hodgson, Esq., Hon. Treasurer of the Cumberland Ladies' Association.

5.—That the Annual Accounts of the Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster, with the Auditor's Report certifying their accuracy, be received and adopted.

Moved by the Rev. W. L. Appleford, Chairman of the Farm Committee, and seconded by Gerald Garnett, Esq., Lancaster.

6.—That, in compliance with Article 56, Mr. A. B. S. Welch be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

Moved by James Heald, Esq., Chairman of the Stores Committee, and seconded by J. G. Wright, Esq., Lancaster.

7.—That, in pursuance of Article 12, the next General Meeting be held at LANCASTER during September or October, 1918, unless the Central Committee deem it advisable to select some other time or place.

Moved by the Rev. A. R. Tomlinson, Bolton-le-Sands, and seconded by C. F. Seward, Esq., Deputy-Mayor of Lancaster.

Long-service medals were presented to nine members of the staff; and the Steward (Mr. A. Macdonald) was warmly congratulated upon the honour gained by his son (Second-Lieut. Ronald Macdonald), who had been awarded a bar to the Military Cross. Thirty-five members of the staff were stated to have joined the forces, and at least fifteen old patients were known to be serving in the army. Four of the staff and one patient had been killed in action. The Farm Bailiff (Mr. E. Cock) was complimented upon the distinction gained by the Royal Albert Farm, which had been awarded three first prizes in a competition promoted during the year by the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society.

Upon the motion of Edward Cardwell, Esq., Lancaster, and George Satterthwaite, Esq., Galgate, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for presiding.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

THE GREAT WAR: ROLL OF HONOUR.

COMMITTEE.

Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, C.M.G.
Major Richard Rigg. Captain James Williamson Wearing.

STAFF.

NAME.	*REGIMENT, &c.*
Dr. Watts Edmondson	Captain R.A.M.C.
Charles Benjamin Bennett	5th K.O. Royal Lancaster.
William Watt Benson	Loyal North Lancashire.
Robert Bland	Royal Field Artillery.
James Broughton	Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Charles Brown	5th K.O. Royal Lancaster.
Stanley Harry Bull	Royal Field Artillery.
Pearson Burrough	South Lancashire.
George Chatburn Chatton	Royal Flying Corps.
Arthur Cherry	5th K.O. Royal Lancaster.
John Cragg	K. O. Royal Lancaster.
William Eccles	Royal Field Artillery.
William Edge	Royal Army Medical Corps.
Thomas Henry Fishwick	5th K.O. Royal Lancaster.
*Charles Hetherington Foster	Royal Scots.
William Taylor Frear	Royal Garrison Artillery.
William Ernest Gunson	K O. Royal Lancaster.
Alfred Hobbs	Royal Navy.
*Richard Holden	2nd Scots Guards.
Walter Hodgson	Royal Field Artillery.
Charles Kittson	10th Hussars.
Fred Lambert	Coldstream Guards.
John Arthur Lindsay	Royal Field Artillery.
*Harold Lydiate	5th K.O. Royal Lancaster.
Herbert Maxwell	Royal Garrison Artillery.
John James McDowell	Inns of Court O.T.C.
*Samuel James Morris	Royal Army Medical Corps.
William Physick	8th K.O. Scottish Borderers.
Arthur Dunn Simpson	Royal Garrison Artillery.
Arthur Slaney	15th Hussars.
Lawrence William Slee	Royal Army Medical Corps.
James Thomas Tallon	Army Service Corps.
Alfred Thompson	Army Service Corps.
William Wilson	Royal Flying Corps.
Richard Yates	Northumberland Fusiliers.

PATIENTS.

James Thompson Anderson	Royal Navy.
Thomas Bedford	Army Ordnance Corps.
Albert Edward Davies	3rd K.O. Royal Lancaster.
Frank Duck	King's Liverpool.
George Elliott	9th King's Liverpool.
Thomas Fish	East Lancashire.
Joseph Hewitt	Royal Artillery.
Richard Lucas	Manchester Regiment.
Leonard Maw	Royal Artillery.
Tom Nicholson	King's Liverpool.
Isaac Scott	K.O. Royal Lancaster.
*Joseph Stables	K.O. Royal Lancaster.
John Taylor	Army Service Corps.
John Wilfred Wainman	Home Service.
Charles Henry Wright	King's Liverpool.

* Killed in Action.

Oak Chest carved by Patient.

Baskets made by Patients.

REPORT

Presented to the Annual General Meeting

at Lancaster,

Friday, October 26th, 1917.

THE presentation of the Fifty-third Annual Report gives the Central Committee the opportunity of again expressing their gratitude for the support which the Royal Albert Institution receives from those interested in its work and welfare. During the past three years the Committee, having regard to the heavier pressure of taxation and the special claims of war charities, have refrained from issuing any urgent appeal, and in consequence have suffered some diminution of the income from subscriptions. It is hoped that this may prove a merely temporary reduction. Meanwhile the Committee acknowledge very gratefully the loyalty of their supporters, and are pleased to be in a position to submit a satisfactory Report.

Effect of the War.

Notwithstanding the most careful management, the Committee have to record a further increase in the cost of maintenance, due mainly to advances in the price of provisions, clothing materials and other requisites, combined with increases in salaries and wages. This has led to a revision of the charges for patients, but such adjustment has been limited to cases sent by Boards of Guardians, or by Local Authorities under the Mental Deficiency Act, and paid for at rates below the actual cost. There has been no interference with the system of free admission by election, which has so far given the subscribers the privilege of sending the large total of 2,147 patients; nor has there been any increase in the charge for inmates received at the reduced rate of payment, who now number over a hundred. Since the charitable nature of the Institution has been in no way affected, its appeal remains as

Cost of Maintenance.

Charges.

Election system.

strong as ever, and the Committee feel that even under present conditions the liberality of their supporters will enable them to continue their beneficent work.

Election of Patients.

A noteworthy feature of the last election of patients, which took place at the Institution on May 25th, was the admission of the whole of the thirty candidates. The procedure followed during the past two years of leaving the election to the Central Committee appears to have met with general approval, and under existing circumstances is recommended for adoption at the coming election. All representations respecting the candidates, made either by individual collectors and subscribers or at the annual meetings of the County and Local Committees and Ladies' Associations, will be welcomed by the Central Committee, and they will also be glad to have early information of eligible election applicants. Of the thirty competitors at the recent election, eleven were from Lancashire, eight from Yorkshire, three from Cheshire, one from Westmorland, two from Cumberland, four from Durham and one from Northumberland. As showing the urgency of many cases, it may be mentioned that six candidates had lost both parents and three either the father or the mother, while in several instances there were five or six dependent children.

Candidates.

Election for further term.

The election was also memorable for the inclusion in the list of candidates of patients who had already had the benefit of the usual term of training, but whose retention in the Institution was thought desirable by the Committee. Ten cases were elected in this way for a further term, and others would also have been retained but for the insistence of parents upon the withdrawal of inmates who had improved greatly, and were likely to prove useful at home or to obtain remunerative employment. The new departure will add materially to the advantages of the election system, and the following extract shows that the change has the warm approval of the Board of Control:

Board of Control's Approval.

> The Board learn with much satisfaction that the Committee have adopted the principle of re-election for an additional term, in order to allow of the retention of patients thought likely to show further improvement under continued care and training, or whose discharge is deemed inadvisable either in their own interest or that of the general community. The Board feel strongly that the adoption of the principle of re-election for such patients will add enormously to the benefits arising from the Institution.

Annual General Meeting.

Last year's annual general meeting was held at the Institution on October 27th, and this year the meeting is again convened at Lancaster for the fifth consecutive time,

circumstances still preventing the Committee's acceptance of the long-standing invitation to visit Durham. In his opening address, the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, C.M.G., who presided, made the following reference to the position and requirements of the Institution:

Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, C.M.G.

Looking back on the past, it was satisfactory to record that throughout the northern counties the Institution had met with generous and warmhearted support. This was a matter for particular gratification, because the demands upon the time and generosity of the community had been such as never before existed in this country. At the same time, they must reiterate their earnest appeal for increased support. There was, and would be for many years to come, an ever-increasing demand upon the resources of the Institution, and to maintain its present high level continued and adequate support would be required, especially in view of the fact that the cost of maintenance had been very largely affected by the general advance in wages and the enormously increased cost of food and other necessities of life. With regard to the future, whatever the policy of the Government might be with regard to the feeble-minded, the Royal Albert was likely to be in as urgent demand as ever. They must do their utmost to preserve its voluntary nature, since they had in it an Institution which was well and economically managed, and which always endeavoured to keep pace with the times and to take advantage of the newest and most improved ideas based upon scientific investigation.

Speakers.

Addresses were also given by Mr. G. D. Killey and Mr. W. G. Welch (who had just been appointed Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee), Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth, Hon. Consulting Physician and first Medical Superintendent (who said that on his annual visits to the Institution he always found something new and good in the direction of progress), Mr. Wm. Briggs (Mayor of Lancaster), Sir Norval W. Helme, M.P., Sir Alfred Sharpe, K.C.M.G., C.B., Rev. W. L. Appleford, Mr. James Heald, Mr. George Satterthwaite and Mr. J. G. Wright (Lancaster), Mr. P. J. Hibbert (Grange-over-Sands), Dr. W. R. Parker (Kendal), Dr. R. C. Brown (Preston) and Mr. G. J. Booth (Arkholme). Long-service medals were presented by the Chairman to ten members of the staff.

Medals.

Number and Classification of Patients.

During the year, the accommodation of the Institution has been severely taxed, the average number of patients in residence having risen from 706 to 725. On June 30th, when the financial year closed, the inmates numbered 733, made up of 487 males and 246 females; and there were then twenty-four eligible applicants waiting for admission as soon as places were available for them, so that the pressure seems likely to continue until it can be relieved by an enlargement of the Institution. Appended is a table showing the number of inmates from each county:

Lancashire	277
Yorkshire	227
Durham	65
Cheshire	63
Cumberland	40
Northumberland	26
Westmorland	23
Other Counties	12
	733

Finances.

Full details of the receipts and expenditure for the past financial year will be found in the annual accounts, which include a comparative statement dealing with fluctuations in the Maintenance Account. From this it will be seen that a decline in the income from annual subscriptions fully justifies the Committee's appeal for further support, though in other respects the financial stability of the Institution has been well maintained. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the following bequests:

Legacies.

	£	s.	d.
John Pratchitt, Carlisle	£90	0	0
Matthewman Hayton, Carlisle	50	0	0
Rev. William Booker, Brighouse (additional, making £5,390 17s. 1d.)	39	9	0
Frederick Marshall Kenderdine, Old Trafford (additional, making £516 2s. 0d.)	35	15	8
John Mossop, Liverpool (additional, making £266 0s. 0d.)	16	0	0
Mrs. Harriet Cockcroft, Hebden Bridge	10	0	0
	£241	4	8

Contributions from the Seven Counties.

The amounts contributed during the year by each of the associated counties are here tabulated. Comparison with the figures for the previous year brings out the fact that Cumberland is the only county showing an improved return

Counties.	Maintenance Account.		Sustentation Fund Account.		Total.
	Annual Subscriptions.	Donations.	Legacies.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lancashire	1431 2 2	26 13 1	51 15 8	10 10 0	1520 0 11
Yorkshire	911 12 4	27 4 0	49 9 0	25 0 0	1013 5 4
Cheshire	349 1 6	2 6	... ...	... ...	349 4 0
Westmorland	150 8 6	1 0 0	... ...	... ...	151 8 6
Cumberland	206 10 6	54 12 0	140 0 0	... ...	401 2 6
Durham	264 19 1	18 0 6	... ...	... ...	282 19 7
Northumberland	196 19 6	... ...	... ...	... ...	196 19 6
	3510 13 7	27 12 1	241 4 8	35 10 0	3915 0 4

Ladies' Associations.

Again the Committee have to thank the members of the various Ladies' Associations for their continued support during these troublous times. Special work in connection

with the war has claimed the attention of many helpers, delaying the completion of collections and preventing ladies from obtaining new subscriptions to replace those lost through death or discontinuance, so that it is not surprising to find some diminution in the returns when contrasted with those for other years. Still the past year's collection of £2,450 brings to over £95,000 the total amount obtained by the ladies since they first organised themselves in aid of the Institution, and there can be little doubt that with the restoration of normal conditions the energy and enthusiasm of many collectors will enable them to regain ground now temporarily lost. Meanwhile the Committee feel that their invaluable services cannot be too warmly acknowledged.

Total Collection.

Among so large a number of Hon. Officers and Collectors, changes through resignation or death are always taking place, but in this respect the Ladies' Associations have during the year proved unusually fortunate. Miss Rayner has with some assistance continued to collect the Brighouse subscriptions, amounting to the handsome total of £91; Lady Cresswell Gray has been unable to renew the West Hartlepool collection of £39 herself, though she hopes to continue it another year; and £30 has been collected for Mrs. Blackett-Ord in connection with the Northumberland Association. Lady Priestley (Bradford) has obtained nearly £40, Mrs. Ellison (Liverpool) over £35, and Mr. Mortimer (Cleckheaton) £34; while Miss Thomson (Huddersfield) and Mrs. Greenwood (Todmorden) have increased their collections to £31 and £21 respectively. From £20 to £30 each has been received from Miss Crossley (Hebden Bridge), Miss Rigg (Windermere), Mrs. Ramsay (Blackburn), Mrs. Duncan (Otley), Mrs. Walford (Bromborough), Miss Laing (Newcastle) and Mrs. Bulkeley Allen (Altrincham), who are closely followed by Miss Cameron Mawson (Gateshead), Mrs. Leigh (Worsley), Miss King (Oxton), Miss Bartlett (Liverpool), Miss Crook (Bolton), Miss Middleton (Newcastle), Miss Cooper (Durham), Miss Stonedale (Manchester), Mrs. Swallow (Huddersfield) and other ladies. Want of space prevents reference to other collectors, but all are cordially thanked for their assistance. Removal to another part of the country may prevent Mrs. Bulkeley Allen from continuing her collection, and the Committee therefore take this opportunity of thanking her sincerely for her services during the past twenty-eight years. Reference to the accompanying statement shows that during the year increased amounts have been sent in by the Manchester and South Lancashire, Sheffield, Preston, Southport, Lancaster and Northumberland Associations:

Notable Collections.

Acknowledgments.

Increases.

Annual Collection.

	Annual Subscriptions.			Donations.			Total.		
MANCHESTER, SALFORD & SOUTH LANCASHIRE:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Manchester	203	19	0	2	2	0	206	1	0
,, (Rochdale Branch)	70	0	6		...		70	0	6
,, (Bury Branch)	46	1	0		...		46	1	0
,, (Bolton Branch)	41	18	0		...		41	18	0
,, (Burnley Branch)	34	4	2	0	5	0	34	9	2
,, (Warrington Branch)	27	7	2	2	3	5	29	10	7
,, (Oldham Branch)	16	2	6		...		16	2	6
,, (Wigan Branch)	12	8	0	1	0	0	13	8	0
,, (Ashton Branch)	5	5	0	1	1	0	6	6	0
,, (Leigh Branch)	4	15	0		...		4	15	0
	462	0	4	6	11	5	468	11	9
CHESHIRE	323	2	0	11	1	0	334	3	0
HALIFAX	268	12	0	5	8	0	274	0	0
DURHAM	261	14	7		...		261	14	7
CUMBERLAND	184	10	0	1	6	0	185	16	0
BRADFORD	124	6	4	15	0	0	139	6	4
NORTHUMBERLAND & NEWCASTLE	137	19	2		...		137	19	2
WESTMORLAND	131	11	6		...		131	11	6
LIVERPOOL	127	5	11	1	0	0	128	5	11
HUDDERSFIELD	123	7	6	1	11	0	124	18	6
LEEDS	59	15	0		...		59	15	0
NORTH LONSDALE	54	5	6		...		54	5	6
YORK, THIRSK & N. & E. RIDINGS	46	13	0		...		46	13	0
LANCASTER	32	14	9		...		32	14	9
SOUTHPORT	26	18	0		...		26	18	0
BLACKBURN	23	2	0		...		23	2	0
SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE	10	13	0		...		10	13	0
PRESTON	10	2	0		...		10	2	0
	£2408	12	7	41	17	5	2450	10	0

County and Local Committees.

To the members of the County and Local Committees, as well as to the press of the northern counties, the Committee are indebted for sympathy and unfailing support; and they also acknowledge very gratefully the valuable services of the Hon. Solicitors (Messrs. Gibsons & Sturton), who have frequently been consulted during the year, and the assistance they continue to receive from the Rev. W. L. Appleford (Lancaster), the Rev. H. G. Croft (Sedgefield) and the Rev. J. T. Lawton (Leigh), by whom collections in aid of the Institution have again been promoted. The annual meetings of the various Committees and Associations brought in donations amounting to over £100, including £52 10s. from Miss S. A. Sheldon (Carlisle), £20 from Mr. Wm. Sutcliffe (Manchester), £10 from Mr. Frederick Priestman (Bradford), and £12 12s. collected at Gateshead from the fellow-workmen and friends of the late James Taylor. These meetings also afforded opportunities of filling vacancies in the ranks of the Central Committee, which has been strengthened by the addition of Mr. C. W. Keighley (Huddersfield), Mr. R. G. E.

Hon. Solicitors.

Pulpit Advocacy.

Donations.

Changes.

Mortimer (Newcastle), and Mr. J. G. Wilson (Durham). Sir Benjamin Scott, who regularly attends the meetings of the Cumberland Committee, has retired from the Central Committee, and this vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Mr. F. P. Dixon (Carlisle).

Deaths.

Death has during the year removed two steadfast friends of the Institution in the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster and the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., and these losses are here recorded with deep regret. Lord Muncaster, who was one of the original Trustees, became a President in 1865, so that he held that office for the long period of fifty-two years; while Dr. Purey-Cust, who in 1880 succeeded the previous Dean in the Chairmanship of the York Committee, had since served as a York representative on the Central and Yorkshire Committees. Recently a further loss has been sustained through the death of Mr. R. W. Ascroft, who only two years ago succeeded his father as a Preston member of the Central Committee.

Medical Superintendent Secretary, and Staff.

The Committee are glad to acknowledge their indebtedness to the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Coupland, and to the Officers and Staff, for the successful conduct of the Institution in this difficult war time. To Mr. Keir, the Secretary, and to the members of his Staff, the Committee also express their gratitude for zealous and efficient services.

Albert House.

The alterations mentioned in the last Report left the Medical Superintendent without a residence on the estate, but the Committee were able during the year to purchase a suitable house on ground adjacent to the Institution. The new residence has been named Albert House.

Inspection by Board of Contol.

During the past eight months, the Institution has twice been inspected by the Commissioners of the Board of Control, who visited it on October 28th and again on June 18th and 19th. The following extracts are from their last report:

During our visit yesterday and to-day we inspected the whole of the Institution, and we had the advantage of seeing the Vice-Chairman of the House Committee and discussing with him, at some length, a scheme for the enlargement of the Institution and the future classification of the patients. We made notes during our visit of various points which we considered have a bearing on the new scheme, and we will forward these, together with some suggestions, to the Vice-Chairman and the Medical Superintendent.

Generally, as the result of our visit, we can report that we were very pleased with the excellent order in which we found the Institution, and with the kindness and careful manner in which the

patients are treated. The general health of the patients is good, and very few were confined to bed. They were well and tidily clothed, and we were glad to find that indoor shoes have now been provided for a number of the male patients, and that further supplies will be obtained shortly.

The day-rooms and dormitories were bright and beautifully kept, and we consider that the additional furniture provided in the basement day-rooms has much improved their appearance and the patients' comfort.

Enlargement.

The Committee are not losing sight of the need for an enlargement of the Institution when building becomes possible, in order that the scope of its work may be widened and its benefits extended to a much larger number of inmates, and the opportunity having occurred they have purchased an adjoining farm of 60 acres, increasing the area of the estate to nearly 280 acres. Meanwhile present difficulties must be faced and present needs met, so the Committee feel they are justified in appealing for continued and even increased support. The work in which they are engaged—work of such vital consequence to the welfare of the race—is not of a sensational kind, and there is danger that its claims may fail to attract the attention they would receive in happier times. Nevertheless the Institution steadily pursues its mission of mercy and succour. In one of his lectures, Ruskin says that "flowers only flourish rightly in the garden of some one who loves them." And then he goes on: "But there are fairer flowers than these—flowers that could bless you for having blessed them, and will love you for having loved them; flowers that have thoughts like yours, and lives like yours; and which, once saved, you save forever. Far among the moorlands and the rocks—far in the darkness of the terrible streets—these feeble florets are lying, with all their fresh leaves torn, and their stems broken: will you never go down to them, nor set them in order in their little fragrant beds, nor fence them in their trembling from the fierce wind?" This the Royal Albert Institution is trying to do for the feeble ones sheltered within its walls.

Purchase of Farm.

Appeal.

Claims of Institution.

Ruskin.

Conclusion.

The Committee close their Report with feelings of gratitude for past and present support, faith in the continuance of the generosity of their friends, and hopefulness for the immediate future and the brighter days to follow.

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Institution.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent.

The following is a summary of the statistics for the period under review: Summary.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Institution, June 30th, 1916 ...	475	245	720
Admitted	60	20	80
Discharged	37	14	51†
Died	11	5	16
Aggregate number	535	265	800
Daily average	480	245	725
Maximum number	487	246	733
In the Institution, June 30th, 1917 ...	487	246	733

† Of these, 20 were merely discharged formally and immediately re-admitted as aided cases.

Three more patients have died in this than in the previous year, making a percentage of 2·0 on the aggregate number under treatment, or 2·2 on the average number in residence. The causes of death are stated in the following table: Deaths.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
General Tuberculosis	1	0	1
Tuberculosis of Lungs	1	3	4
Pneumonia	4	0	4
Whooping Cough	1	1	2
Cerebellar Abscess	1	0	1
Chronic Cholecystitis	1	0	1
Chronic Dilatation of Colon	0	1	1
Hydatid Disease of Abdomen	1	0	1
Chronic Debility	1	0	1
Total	11	5	16

Visitors.

The Institution has been inspected twice during the year by the Commissioners of the Board of Control. Their reports have been received by you, and the recommendations therein contained are having consideration. Besides deputations from Boards of Guardians, various officials from other Institutions dealing with Mental Defectives have visited the Institution, but parties of lady collectors, whom we have often welcomed, have been unable to come owing to war conditions.

Amusements.

In spite of the shortage of staff, the patients have enjoyed their winter dances, and Christmas Day was marked by its usual activity, the ordinary programme being carried through. Again the Cockersand outing in August has had to be abandoned. Small parties of the patients have been taken for drives or outings, so that their amusement, which is very essential, has been in large degree maintained. It is also customary for the teachers and staff to take a small number of the patients at a time for country walks, the educational value of which needs no comment.

Health of the Institution.

The Institution has had a satisfactory bill of health, and, except for some cases of whooping cough, has been free from infectious disease. The necessary food-rationing has adversely influenced the weight of many of the patients, but no definite disease can be recorded in consequence of the alterations in the dietary.

Schools.

Alterations in the School staff, owing to war conditions, have interfered with the steady progress and development of the routine, but further progress in the toy-making on the Senior Boys' Side has to be recorded, and also the commencement of a soft toy-making industry by the elder girls, which class has already produced very satisfactory work. Further development of low-grade work, such as spoon and boot cleaning and simple wool and rug work, has been carried out.. Again, with your permission, members of the staff attended the Summer School, which this year was held at Liverpool.

Staff.

Further depletion of the permanent male staff has occurred and great difficulty has been found in replacing those who have joined the Army. It is pleasing to have to record the useful work that the officers and staff have carried out during the year under trying conditions, not made less onerous by the food-rationing regulations.

The names on the Roll of Honour have further increased, both as to staff and patients, the total now being 35 staff and 15 patients. Unfortunately the names of Harold Lydiate (staff) and Joseph Stables (patient) have to be recorded as having given up their lives in the service of their country. Roll of Honour.

Special efforts have been made to meet the wishes of the authorities with regard to increased food production. The plan of cultivation was revised for this purpose, and on the farm additional land was devoted to the raising of oats, potatoes, cabbages, etc. The playing field, of about one acre in extent, to the north of the main building, was planted with potatoes, and the gardener, as a result, has had a satisfactory crop. In the kitchen garden itself, he has aimed at the maximum production of the most nutritious and useful vegetables. Farm and Garden.

In spite, however, of the shortage of staff, the work of the principal departments of the Institution (Storey Home, Farm Colony and Ashton Wing) has not been seriously interrupted. Nurse Elizabeth Atkinson, an old and valued member of the staff, has been appointed Nurse-in-Charge at the Storey Home. It is gratifying to note that all the clothing for its inmates is made at the Home, and the repairs are also carried out there, besides other work. Departments of the Institution.

At the Herbert Storey Workshops, the weaving continues in abeyance, but the basket-making industry, needing further accommodation, has had the room adjoining added for that purpose, and in this the patients work practically without the supervision of an instructor. Workshops.

There is not much to be noted concerning the operation of the Act during the past year. The various societies, whose work brings them into touch with mentally defective patients, are evidently endeavouring to co-ordinate their investigations, and it is hoped that the result, when the war is over, may be a further uniformity and simplicity of procedure. Being a member of the Council of the Central Association for the Care of the Mentally Defective, and also having acted as one of a Sub-Committee of the Medico-Psychological Association, which had instructions to form a syllabus for the training and examination of nurses and attendants for the mentally defective, preliminary to the issue of a certificate, I have kept in touch with the enquiries carried on by these bodies. This syllabus of examination has been accepted by the annual meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association, and marks a The Mental Deficiency Act.

definite advance in the working out of the intentions of the Mental Deficiency Act.

Problem of Feeble-mindedness.

It is very probable that the experience gained during the Great War may materially influence the opinions of the Eugenists, for although a sane mind within a sound body must be a racial maxim yet the exigencies of these stirring times have shown how much necessary work can be carried out satisfactorily by the most unlikely persons. The problem of the feeble-minded is an insistent one, as in order to improve the race we must have far more accurate knowledge of the causes of degeneracy than at present we possess. Though we may dispute as to the respective importance of Nature and Nurture, yet

> There is a history in all men's minds,
> Figuring the Nature of times deceased,

and this biological laws definitely proclaim. It is to be hoped that the conclusion of the world struggle may see the full resumption of those statistical and other forms of research into the etiology of mental defect which are now necessarily curtailed.

I have again to thank your Lordship and the members of the Central Committee for ready help and support in surmounting the difficulties of the past year's administration.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. COUPLAND,

Medical Superintendent.

THE RODGETT INFIRMARY.

VIEW IN INFIRMARY.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 20TH OCTOBER, 1917.

In accordance with the appointment of the last Annual Meeting, I have made a careful audit of the books of account of the Royal Albert Institution for the past year. Vouchers for all payments have been produced to me, and I have pleasure in certifying that the Annual Statements contain a complete summary of the receipts and payments of the year as shown in the books. I certify that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with.

In Maintenance Account, a substantial increase is shown in payments for patients. Interest on invested funds is also higher, but annual subscriptions are somewhat lower. The value of farm produce shows an increase. Evidence of care in the regulation of expenditure is shown, and apart from a heavy addition in the cost of provisions the increases in other items of expenditure are covered by reductions in the remaining items.

Sustentation Fund Account has received legacies £241 4s. 8d. and donations £35 10s.

On Estate and Buildings Improvement Account, the cost of a residence for the Medical Superintendent and of folding partitions for corridors has been incurred.

The deeds and certificates representing the Sustentation Fund investments have been exhibited to me, and are all in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH.

AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr. *From July 1st, 1916,*

Receipts.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1916			902 8 5
,, Donations		127 12 1	
,, Annual Subscriptions		3,510 13 7	
,, Payments for Patients		21,598 14 10	
,, Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments (Including £15 15s. 0d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift.")	7,743 12 2		
Less Sinking Fund	20 0 0		
		7,723 12 2	
,, Bank Interest		86 18 3	
,, Rent		225 17 0	
,, Sundries		18 0 11	
			33,291 8 10
,, Farm Produce { Supplied to Institution...	5,940 4 6		
,, Farm Produce { Sold	2,572 19 7		
	8,513 4 1		
Less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c. ...	7,176 12 1		
			1,336 12 0
			£35,530 9 3

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—20th October, 1917.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1917. Cr.

Expenditure.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Lancaster, and of Local Committees		231 1 9	
,, Printing 5,000 Fifty-second Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, Subscription Lists, and General Printing and Stationery		295 4 2	
,, General Advertising		51 19 10	
,, Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.		88 0 3	
,, Offices (Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool and Leeds); Rent, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries		73 2 4	
			739 8 4
,, Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	Office 1,236 9 9	10,675 0 4	
	Institution... ... 9,438 10 7		
,, Provisions ...	Purchased 4,962 7 3	11,169 12 10	
	From Farm 5,910 4 6		
	From Garden 267 1 1		
,, Necessaries: Coals		3,202 2 6	
Gas		149 13 7	
Water...		407 2 6	
General		478 9 0	
,, Clothing		1,814 13 5	
,, Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.		162 14 2	
,, Institution Printing and Stationery		66 15 8	
,, Institution Postage		27 1 4	
,, Insurance		326 18 6	
,, Maintenance Sundries		785 18 10	
,, Workshops and Repairs...		653 5 6	
,, Furniture: General		226 19 10	
Ironmongery		39 3 4	
Bedding...		591 12 8	
House Linen		93 2 1	
Crockery and Sundries		98 13 8	
			30,968 19 9
,, Property Expenses			106 7 5
,, Bank Commission, &c.			23 13 1
,, Grounds and Garden Expenses		430 10 3	
Less value of Produce supplied to the Institution		267 1 1	
			163 9 2
,, Sinking Fund			1,374 6 6
,, Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1917...			2,154 5 0
			£35 530 9 3

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr. *From July 1st, 1916,*

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1916	2,481	10	1
,, Bank Interest	70	3	2
	£2,551	13	3

Audited and found correct.—20th October, 1917.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr. *From July 1st, 1916,*

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1916				1,339	8	6
,, Legacies	241	4	8			
,, Donations	35	10	0			
				276	14	8
,, Treasury Bills matured	1,950	2	11			
,, ,, ,, discounted	1,942	0	5			
,, ,, ,, matured	971	12	11			
,, ,, ,, ,, ...	950	0	0			
				5,813	16	3
				£7,429	19	5

Audited and found correct.—20th October, 1917.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

SINKING FUND

Dr. *From July 1st, 1916,*

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Proportion of Interest on Redeemable Colonial Government Stocks	20	0	0
,, Maintenance Account	1,374	6	6
	£1,394	6	6

Audited and found correct.—20th October 1917.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

to June 30th, 1917. Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Albert House, Residence for Medical Superintendent ...	1,700	10	10
,, Folding Partitions for corridors	142	11	6
,, Bank Commission	1	2	5
,, Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1917	707	8	6
	£2,551	13	3

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

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W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1917. Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investments:						
£3,000 5 per cent. War Stock, 1929-47	2,850	0	0			
£27 7s. 10d. Ditto ditto	26	0	6			
£2,000 5¾ per cent. Treasury Bills, at 6 months ...	1,942	0	5			
£1,000 5¾ per cent. Treasury Bill, at 6 months ...	971	12	11			
				5,789	13	10
,, Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1917				1,640	5	7
				£7,429	19	5

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

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W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1917. Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Bank, July 1st, 1916	1,223	11	9
,, Bank Interest	47	1	10
,, Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1917...	123	12	11
	£1,394	6	6

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	1915—16. Average No. of Patients 706.	1916—17. Average No. of Patients 725.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Donations	82 6 4	127 12 1	45 5 9	
Annual Subscriptions	3716 18 8	3510 13 7		206 5 1
Payments for Patients	19309 6 2	21598 14 10	2289 8 8	
Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	7386 15 9	7723 12 2	336 16 5	
Interest on Bank Deposits	103 14 6	86 18 3		16 16 3
Rent	242 4 0	225 17 0		16 7 0
Sundries	40 7 3	18 0 11		22 6 4
Farm (Value of Produce, less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c.)	955 17 11	1336 12 0	380 14 1	
	31837 10 7	34628 0 10	3052 4 11	261 14 8
NET INCREASE £2790 10s. 3d.				
Balance at beginning of year	1130 19 0	902 8 5		
	32968 9 7	35530 9 3		

EXPENDITURE.	1915—16. Average No. of Patients 706.	1916—17. Average No. of Patients 725.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Lancaster, and of Local Committees	243 19 1	231 1 9		12 17 4
Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, Subscription Lists, & General Printing & Stationery	214 19 3	295 4 2	80 4 11	
General Advertising	52 2 2	51 19 10		0 2 4
General Postage	85 19 3	88 0 3	2 1 0	
Offices (Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool and Leeds); Rent, and Petty Cash Sundries	98 11 9	73 2 4		25 9 5
Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	10180 6 3	10675 0 4	494 14 1	
Provisions	9832 11 11	11169 12 10	1337 0 11	
NECESSARIES:—Coals	3329 12 11	3202 2 6		127 10 5
Gas	131 19 4	149 13 7	17 14 3	
Water	428 17 6	407 2 6		21 15 0
General	517 16 7	478 9 0		39 7 7
Clothing	1634 11 9	1814 13 5	180 1 8	
Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	161 8 1	162 14 2	1 6 1	
Insurance	329 14 2	326 18 6		2 15 8
Sundries	966 19 8	879 15 10		87 3 10
Workshops and Repairs	551 9 9	653 5 6	101 15 9	
FURNITURE:—General	345 7 0	226 19 10		118 7 2
Ironmongery	54 17 8	39 3 4		15 14 4
Bedding	436 2 2	591 12 8	155 10 6	
House Linen	89 3 7	93 2 1	3 18 6	
Crockery & Sundries	53 9 5	98 13 8	45 4 3	
Property Expenses	99 9 1	106 7 5	6 18 4	
Bank Commission, &c.	29 11 3	23 13 1		5 18 2
Grounds and Garden Expenses, less value of Produce	197 1 7	163 9 2		33 12 5
Estate and Buildings Improvement Account				
Sinking Fund	2000 0 0	1374 6 6		625 13 6
NET INCREASE... £1310 3s. 1d.	32066 1 2	33376 4 3	2426 10 3	1116 7 2
Balance at end of year	902 8 5	2154 5 0		
	32968 9 7	35530 9 3		

Examined and found correct.—20th October, 1917.
A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:
RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
W. G. WELCH, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(including Donations to the General, Maintenance and Sustentation Funds, and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER	37978	17	7	230	10	9
LIVERPOOL	13926	18	10	237	8	11
MANCHESTER	12118	8	6	407	13	0
BRADFORD	10719	8	8	174	3	10
PRESTON	9418	17	7	32	8	6
ROCHDALE	8498	3	4	130	3	6
WESTMORLAND	7082	0	0	159	6	0
HALIFAX	6525	17	6	292	19	6
CHESHIRE	6192	4	3	355	2	0
CUMBERLAND (Carlisle, &c.)	6110	5	9	217	15	0
LEEDS	5850	8	6	112	16	6
SHEFFIELD	5963	0	6	78	15	0
OLDHAM	3329	12	6	32	18	6
YORK	2925	17	4	36	4	6
DURHAM (County)	2839	12	7	264	19	1
NORTH LONSDALE (Ulverston, Barrow, &c.)	2689	13	8	100	16	10
BURY	2154	14	2	47	2	0
BOLTON	2075	2	4	64	9	6
NORTHUMBERLAND	1951	14	9	196	19	6
HUDDERSFIELD	1920	2	11	150	0	6
BLACKBURN	1850	14	0	28	7	0
SETTLE	1477	12	11	3	3	0
SKIPTON	1298	17	10	2	12	6
SOUTHPORT	1181	10	0	33	4	0
BURNLEY	1168	14	4	35	5	2
WAKEFIELD	983	14	7	6	16	6
KEIGHLEY	927	6	0	6	16	6
WARRINGTON	936	1	1	29	10	7
WIGAN	736	8	10	23	0	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	674	13	6	5	5	0
ROTHERHAM	387	8	6	3	16	0
SCARBOROUGH	368	14	4	3	13	0
ST. HELENS	295	12	6	5	5	0
HULL	281	6	8	15	17	6
DONCASTER	184	4	9	8	10	0

June 30th, 1917.

SAMUEL KEIR, Secretary.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1916–17.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Storey Brothers & Co., Limited, Lancaster	52	10	0
Miss Sheldon, Carlisle	52	10	0
Sheffield Town Trustees	50	0	0
Messrs. Allen Priest & Sons, Limited, Huddersfield	25	0	0
Mr. Wm. Sutcliffe, Manchester	20	0	0
Clarke and Marshall Charities, Manchester	20	0	0
Mr. Jacob Wakefield, Kendal	12	12	0
Friends and fellow-workmen of the late Jas. Taylor, Gateshead	12	12	0
Co-operative Congress, Lancaster	10	10	0
Sir William Hartley, Aintree	10	10	0
Messrs. Platt Brothers, Oldham	10	10	0
Reyner Trust Fund, Liverpool	10	10	0
Mr. E. Stanley, Rhyl	10	10	0
Messrs. Joshua Tetley & Son, Limited, Leeds	10	10	0
Clifton and Kersley Coal Co.	10	0	0
Mr. Frederick Priestman, Bradford	10	0	0
Mrs. H. G. Johnston, Willaston	10	0	0
Mrs. Bellamy, Rishworth	5	5	0
Miss Hignett, Bankfield House, West Derby, Liverpool	5	5	0
Messrs. Joshua Hoyle & Sons, Limited, Bacup	5	5	0
Huddersfield Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Mr. Samuel Lamb, Denzall, Altrincham	5	5	0
Councillor Hedley Peckett, Huddersfield	5	5	0
Rochdale Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Sedgefield Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Mr. Frederick Briggs, Silsden	5	0	0
Mr. E. R. Brown, Shawlands, Glasgow	5	0	0
Mr. R. Crossfield, Ford House, Ulverston	5	0	0
Mr. John Hutchinson, Barrow-in-Furness	5	0	0
Mr. John G. Peel, 214, Corn Exchange Buildings, Manchester	5	0	0
Mr. Robert G. Peel, The Grange, Chelford	5	0	0
The George Stephenson Lodge of Freemasons, Wylam-on-Tyne, No. 3390	5	0	0

CO-OPERATIVE, INDUSTRIAL AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society	21	0	0
The Newbold Friendly Society, Rochdale	10	0	0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society	7	7	0
Brighouse District Industrial Society	5	5	0
Brighouse Friendly Societies and Trades Demonstration Committee	5	5	0
Bury District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society	5	5	0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Huddersfield Industrial Society	5	5	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Bishop Auckland Co-operative Society	5	0	0
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester	4	4	0

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

MISCELLANEOUS PRESENTS.

Anonymous, per Dr. Coupland, for Staff Library, £1 15s. 3d.
Anonymous, per Dr. Coupland, for Staff Library, 10/-.
Brunskill, J., Kendal, Hat-trimmings, Remnants, Neckchains, Brooches, Paper Collars, &c.
Bryan, Reuben, Upholland, Wigan, 100 Oranges for Patients.
Bryan, Mrs., Upholland, Wigan, Pinafores, Handkerchiefs, and Chocolates.
Cheetham, Mrs., Lancaster, Sterescope and Slides.
Clay, Mrs. Wm., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Scrap Books.
Co-operative Union, Manchester, Copy of the Co-operative Directory, per A. Whitehead, Secretary.
Cooke, Mrs , Gargrave, Skipton, 5/- for Patients' Amusement Fund.
Corboy, Mrs., Luddendenfoot, Football.
Hall, Mrs., Alston, 5/- for Patients' Amusement Fund.
Hewitt, Wm., Dalmuir, 10/- for Patients' Amusement Fund.
Jones, Mrs., Liverpool, Ribbons, &c.
McIsaac, Mrs., Holcombe, large quantity of Picture Postcards.
Naylor, Mrs., Burnley, 10/- and Buns for Patients at Rodgett Infirmary.
Powell, Mrs., Crewe, Articles of Clothing.
Robertson, Mr , Lancaster, Parcel of Remnants, Handkerchiefs, Lace, &c.
Shepherd, Mrs , Blackburn, Ties and Trimming and Boys' Collars.
Taylor, Matthias, Didsbury, 5/- for Patients' Amusement Fund.
Tomkinson, Mrs , Crewe, Articles of Clothing.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Anonymous, Lancaster, Boxes of Crackers, Chocolate, Dolls and Toys with Sweets.
Anonymous, Lancaster, Scrapbook and Christmas Cards.
Anderson, F., York, Box of Christmas Cards
Armitage, Wm., Galgate, 2/6.
Armstrong. P., Durham, 5/-.
Arrowsmith, Miss J. A., Glazebrook, 10/-.
Atkinson, W., Lancaster, Children's Picture Books.
Ball, Mrs., Preston, Box of Chocolates.
Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, Sweets.
Barrow, Mrs. W., Yewgarth, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets.
Bate & Gorst, Lancaster, Box of Frosting.
Beck, Mr. and Mrs. G. M., Ravenstonedale, Toys, Games, etc.
Bell, Mrs. John R., Lancaster, 2 lbs. Chocolate.
Benson, Mrs. A. N., Lancaster, Chocolate Ornaments and Sweets.
Bolton, Miss, Birmingham, Packets of Presents for Patients.
Boots Limited, Lancaster, Sample Christmas Card Book.
Brewer, Mrs. J. J , Lancaster, Picture Books and Christmas Cards.
Briggs, Frederick, Silsden, 10/-.
Briggs, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster (Mayor and Mayoress), Barrel of Apples.
Bryan, Mr. and Mrs., Wigan, 10/6, and Children's Handkerchiefs and Ribbons.
Burlison, Miss, Durham, Christmas Cards.
Butler, Miss E., Windermere, 24 unbreakable Dolls.
Cass Harold, Lancaster, large Horse and Puzzle.
Chadderton, C., Lancaster, 10/6, and 10/6 for Staff Library.
Cocker, Mrs., Lancaster, Pictorial Papers and dressed Dolls.
Cockerill, Mrs., Lancaster, dressed Dolls.
Cooke, Mrs , Colne, 5/-.
Cottam, Miss, Lancaster, Sweets.

Crewe Branch of the Cheshire Ladies' Association, per Mrs. John Powell and Miss Fuller, quantity of Wearing Apparel, Dolls, Toys, &c.
Croft & Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Cross, Miss Dorothy, Lancaster, Picture Books.
Cross, Mrs., Lancaster, 10/-.
Cross, T., and Sons, Lancaster, Santa Claus Stocking of Toys and Sweets.
Dean, Mrs. T., Coppul, 5/-.
Dilworth, T., Lancaster, Biscuits.
Douglas, Mrs., Hove, Brighton, Handkerchiefs and Hair Ribbons.
Dowler, J. F., Liverpool, £2.
Dunderdale, Miss A., Lancaster, Picture Book and Blotter.
Edwards, R. T., Lancaster, 10/6.
Fisher, The Misses, Lancaster, Dolls and Bags of Sweets.
Fitchett, Mrs., London, £1.
Fielden, J. A., Crumpsall, 10/-.
Frith-Hudson, C., Milnthorpe, £1 1s.
Fulton, I., Birkenhead, 5/-.
Gardner, Mrs. F. H., Lancaster, 5/-.
Garnett, Gerald, Wyreside, £1.
Gill, Mr. and Mrs. T., Lancaster, 5/-.
Greenwood & Whitehead, Lancaster, 10/6
Hall, Master J. R., Lancaster, Scrapbook.
Heald, Miss Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, &c.
Helme, Sir Norval, M.P., and Lady Helme, Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Heywood, Miss E. M., Lancaster, Boxes of Crackers.
Hill, Albert, Halifax, Toys.
Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E., Preston, 2/6.
Hoggett, Thomas, Loftus, 5/-.
Hubbins, Mrs. D., Bishop Auckland, 3 -.
Huntington, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Toys, Picture Books and Picture Blocks, &c.
Hulton, Miss M., Lancaster, 2/6.
Jackson, Miss Mabel, Lancaster, 5/-.
Jackson, Mrs., Ashton-under-Lyne, 5/-.
Jackson, George, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Johnson, Miss A., Lancaster, 5/-.
Johnson, F., Nelson, £1.
Johnson, Mrs. F. D., and Mrs E. N. Johnson, Lancaster, Crackers, Sweets, &c.
Jones, Mrs. F., Gorton, Picture Books, Handkerchiefs, Skipping-rope, &c.
King, Mrs. M., Morecambe, Bottles of Sweets and Toys.
Kirkby, Mrs. Albert, Lancaster, Scarves.
Lamb, Mrs , Lancaster, Toys, Balls, Dolls, &c.
Lambert, Mrs , Slyne, Bag of Apples.
Lancaster & District Co-operative Society, Ltd., Case of Oranges and Box of Apples.
Lawson, Mrs., Blackpool, £1 1s.
Lumb, John, Luddenden, 5/-.
McRaith, Misses and Master, Lancaster, Balls, Toys, Crayons and Picture Books.
Middlebrooke, Joseph, Stoke-on-Trent, 10/6
Milner, Messrs. E. & J. L , Lancaster, Books and Copy-books.
Moreland, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys, &c.
Mount, Mrs., Lancaster, Bottle of Sweets.
Nicholson & Co., Lancaster, 12/6.
Parker, Miss, Lancaster, Crackers.
Procter, W., Scotforth, 5/-.
Religious Tract Society, London, Books, Magazines, &c.
Richardson, Miss E., Lancaster, Toy Engines, Tea-set.
Roberts, Henry, Lancaster, 20 Books for Patients' Library.
Robinson, J. A., Lancaster, Crackers and Chocolate.
Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Lancaster, Picture Books.
Rodger, J. W., Cardiff, 10/-.
Roper, Mrs., Yealand Conyers, £1 1s.
Satterthwaite, George, Galgate, 5/-.
Shand, W. and Sons, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Sharples, Mrs. T., Prescot, 5/-.
Sharples, Mrs., Barrow, £1.
Sherren, Miss, Lancaster, 5/-.
Shuttleworth, Dr. and Mrs., Hampstead, Boxes of Crackers.
Simpson, Mrs., Lancaster, Magazines.
Smiths, T. D., Limited, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Spedding, J., Lancaster, £1 1s.
Stork, Mrs., Morecambe, 10/6.
Sumner Mrs., Tarbock, Prescot, 6 -.
Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. C. Barrie, Openshaw, Toys, Crackers, &c.
Taylor, Miss, Scotforth, Hair Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, &c.
Taylor, Matthias, Didsbury, 5 -.
Thompson & Morris, Lancaster, £1 10s.
Thompson, Miss, Lancaster, 5/-.
Todd, Miss, Lancaster, Scrapbooks and Postcards.
Tomlinson, Rev. A. R. and Mrs., Bolton-le-Sands, Picture Books and Toys.
Toogood, H., New Zealand, £5.
Troughton H., Lancaster, 36 dozen Candles for Christmas Trees.
Webster, Mrs., Sheffield, 5 -.
Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster, £1.
Woods, Miss, Lancaster, 10/-.

STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

Condition of Patients discharged during the year.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Relieved.	Much improved	7	6	13
	Moderately improved	6	2	8
	Slightly improved	12	5	17
	Not improved	12	1	13
	Total	37	14	51

Admissions, Discharges and Deaths from December 14th, 1870, to June 30th, 1917.

Admissions		3664
Discharges	2233	
Deaths	698	
In Institution on June 30th, 1916	733	
		3664

Results of Training of all Discharged Patients.

Relieved.	Much Improved	650 or	29·10	per cent.
	Moderately Improved	661 or	29·61	,,
	Slightly Improved...	496 or	22·21	,,
		1807 or	80·92	,,
	Not Improved	426 or	19·08	,,
	Total	2233 or	100·00	,,

Ages of Patients who have resided in the Institution, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report.

AGES.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	27	15	42	2	2	4
10 ,, 15 ,, ...	118	41	159	0	0	0
15 ,, 20 ,, ...	165	91	256	4	0	4
20 and upwards ...	225	118	343	5	3	8
	535	265	800	11	5	16

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

Annual General Meeting, Lancaster, October 26th, 1917.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW.

The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, C.M.G., in the course of an earnest appeal for continued support, said there had been nothing of striking importance during the year in the affairs of the Institution, but they could congratulate themselves upon having done excellent work under exceptionally trying and difficult conditions. The staff had been kept at high pressure owing to the number who had joined the forces, thus throwing heavy work upon those who remained. During the war, they had entrusted the election of patients to the Central Committee, and this policy had worked satisfactorily. Although this was only a war measure, many subscribers had written expressing their approval of it, and their agreement with the decisions arrived at by the Committee. At the last election all the thirty candidates were admitted, and they were able to re-elect for a further term of training no less than ten patients, who would thus continue to receive the benefits of the Institution. One of the most heartrending things in connection with their work had been the discharge of improvable cases because the term for which they were admitted had expired, and the policy now adopted of extending the period of training whenever possible had the warm approval of the Board of Control. The returns showed that the benefits of the Institution were in greater request than ever. The average number of patients had risen from 706 to 725, so that the accommodation had been taxed to the utmost limit. The Committee had always kept before them the question of the future enlargement of the Institution. He believed it was the wish of the great majority of the subscribers that the usefulness of the Royal Albert Institution should be extended, and although during the war this must remain more or less an academic question it would be satisfactory to their supporters to know that the Extensions Committee was carefully considering the matter, so that as soon as it was possible to begin building on a large scale they would be prepared to do so. With regard to finance, there had been a slight falling off in annual subscriptions, though not to anything like the amount they feared at one time might be the case. One of the reasons was that they had not been so vigorous as in pre-war times in making known the needs of the Institution. For one thing, they were fully aware that the war had made unprecedented calls upon the generosity of the public, and they also realised that their lady helpers were nearly all engaged in war work of some kind, so that their time must necessarily be fully occupied. On the whole, they could congratulate themselves upon the support which the Institution still received, but he wished to impress upon them the urgent necessity of maintaining the voluntary subscriptions, because it must always be remembered that the Royal Albert was in origin and essence a voluntary charity, and on the charitable contributions of the public they must necessarily depend for the continuance of their work. He could confidently appeal to the public, for he believed that in the management of the Institution, and in the methods adopted in dealing with the particular conditions it had to contend with, they would find everything that was satisfactory. They had received numerous testimonials to the care and attention bestowed upon the patients; and the Commissioners of the Board of Control, who visited the Institution on the 18th June, stated that "as the result of our visit we

can report that we were very pleased with the excellent order in which we found the Institution, and with the kindness and careful manner in which the patients are treated." To the industries of the Institution had been added the manufacture of soft toys, and visitors would note many examples of the skill and ingenuity of the patients. In conclusion, the Chairman said that 35 members of the staff had joined the forces, and four, he was sorry to say, had laid down their lives. Out of the comparatively limited male staff in pre-war times that was a very large proportion, and many of them went in a voluntary capacity before compulsory service came into operation. They were very grateful to Dr. Coupland, the Medical Superintendent, Mr. Keir, the Secretary, and the remaining members of the staff, for the way in which they had carried on the work and maintained the efficiency of the Institution in times of exceptional difficulty. So far as they had been able to ascertain, there were at least fifteen old patients who were serving with the colours—a striking tribute to the value and efficiency of the training they had received in the Institution. Unfortunately, one of these old inmates had been killed in action, and others had been wounded. He appealed most earnestly to all of them not to let the many drains upon their resources interfere with their support of the Royal Albert, because he knew of no charitable Institution that more directly conferred benefit and blessing on those for whom it was intended, or that indirectly conferred more good upon the general community. He urged them to make its needs known to their friends, and to see to it that this great voluntary work was carried on unimpaired in the future.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. G. D. Killey (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), in proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, said it was a matter of the deepest gratification that in the most trying year in the history of the Institution the diminution in income had practically been infinitesimal. This was largely due to the fact that the work of the Institution appealed to the hearts and sympathies of all right-feeling people. It was marvellous how well the Institution had been supported when so many urgent calls were made upon the public through the continuation of the war. The Institution was started in the first instance by a little band of their own townsmen, and it had been supported in a most munificent manner by those closely associated with Lancaster. He referred to the gifts of Lord Ashton, the late Sir Thomas Storey, and Mr. Herbert Storey, the honoured son of one who did so much for Lancaster in his day and generation. But now, although the Institution was established in Lancaster, it benefited the whole of the seven northern counties, and it had received from those counties generous support from year to year. That support had been given not merely because of the amount of beneficent work done by the Institution, but also because people knew that it was well managed upon efficient and economical lines. There had been many changes, and under recent legislation a Board of Control had been set up. But the formation of the Board of Control had not impaired the charitable character of their work, and it was from the charitable point of view that they urged its claims upon all right-thinking people. There would perhaps be closer inspection —which they welcomed—but they would always be able to cope satisfactorily with charitable cases from the seven northern counties, and such applications would receive most sympathetic and kindly attention.

Mr. W. G. Welch (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), in seconding, said that the Institution had been open for fifty years, and during all that time the Medical Superintendents and the members of the teaching staff had been endeavouring year by year to discover new and

improved methods of teaching the children. During the past year, the Medical Superintendent and members of the Committee had visited some important kindred Institutions, for it was always found helpful to see the modes of work used by other teachers of the feeble-minded. At present they were giving special attention to the training of the lower-grade cases from the time of their admission. They were not easy cases to deal with. Many things which a child of ordinary intelligence learnt by observation had to be taught with much care and perseverance. They required to be taught how to use their hands, their limbs, and even their eyes. Simple childish games were found helpful in awakening the intelligence of these children. In this department of the work, the Committee had received most kind help from Mrs. Pinsent, an Honorary Commissioner of the Board of Control, who frequently visited the Institution in that capacity in compliance with the provisions of the Mental Deficiency Act. Mrs. Pinsent was interested in the training of teachers for the feeble-minded in the best methods of instruction, and she most kindly and generously arranged for a month's training to be given to a teacher coming to the Institution, who was now a member of the staff. For the older girls, they had introduced some new departments of work, including one for the manufacture of soft toys. On the boys' side they realised more and more the great value of the well-equipped workshops, which had been generously provided for the Institution. They had now in addition rooms in the main building in which simple industrial training was given to the younger boys, to prepare them for the more skilled employments of the workshops.

FINANCES.

Mr. H. L. Storey (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Associations and County and Local Committees, referred to the growing difficulties of their work through so many other claims, and said that the ladies had still succeeded in raising a very considerable amount for the Institution. It was a matter of great astonishment that they had done as well as they had done. The past year's collection had realised £2,450, which brought the total raised for the Institution by the ladies to more than £95,000. One lady had herself collected over £2,000, another lady £1,500, and several had collected £500.

Rev. W. L. Appleford (Chairman of the Farm Committee) proposed the adoption of the annual accounts. He thought the general result was very satisfactory, the increase in expenditure having been fully met by increased income. It was interesting to note that £336 of the increase in the receipts was due to enhanced interest from investments. The increase in expenditure was mainly under the heads of provisions, clothing and bedding, and wages, including war bonuses; while in no less than twelve items there had been a decrease of expenditure, a striking tribute to the care that had been exercised in the regulation of expenditure, the credit for which was mainly due to their excellent Medical Superintendent, Dr. Coupland. One cause of the rise in the total expenditure was due to the fact that the average number of patients during the past year had risen from 706 to 725, and that also accounted for an increase in the income received from paying patients. The annual income did not include any legacy received during the year, as legacies were always invested, thus benefiting the Institution permanently. While congratulating themselves upon such a satisfactory financial report, they must not overlook the decrease of £206 in the amount of annual subscriptions. But when they remembered the pressing and conflicting claims of the present times, he thought they might express heartfelt gratitude to the subscribers that they had fallen so little short of their pre-war efforts.

MEDALS AWARDED IN 1917 FOR LONG SERVICE.

GOLD MEDALS.

Frederick W. Lilley, Basketmaker	1900
John Brownrigg, Farm Labourer	1900

BRONZE MEDALS.

Alice May Lindsay, Nurse	1910
Ruth Frost, Laundry Forewoman	1910
Henry Thompson, Ploughman	1910
John Templeton, Attendant	1910
Martha Lindley, Cook	1910
Edith Mary Collins, Teacher	1910
Helena Taylor, Tailoress	1910

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.
Accrington	1
Arkholme	1
Ashton-in-Makerfield	3
Ashton-under-Lyne	1
Astley	1
Atherton	2
Bamber Bridge	1
Barrow-in-Furness	3
Blackburn	5
Blackpool	3
Bolton	14
Burnley	8
Bury	3
Castleton	1
Chorley	4
Clitheroe	1
Crosby	1
Didsbury, Manchester	1
Fleetwood	1
Flixton, Manchester	2
Garston, Liverpool	1
Graythwaite	1
Haslingden	1
Heaton Chapel	1
Horwich	1
Inskip	1
Irlam	1
Kirkby-in-Furness	1
Kirkham	2
Lancaster	10
Leigh	10
Liverpool	64
Lytham	1
Manchester and Salford	76
Oldham	10
Ormskirk	3
Penwortham	1
Prescot, Liverpool	1
Preston	7
Ramsbottom	1
Rawtenstall	1
Rochdale	6
St. Anne's-on-Sea	3
Southport	1
St. Helens	1
Stalmine	1
Ulverston	2
Warrington	5
Whalley	1
Wigan	5
	277

YORKSHIRE.

	No.
Bentham	1
Bingley, Bradford	1
Boston Spa	2
Bradford	24
Brighouse, Halifax	1
Castleford	1
Conisborough	1
Dewsbury	5
Doncaster	6
Elland, Halifax	2
Goole	3
Guisborough	4
Halifax	12
Hemsworth	1
Howden	1
Huddersfield	7
Hull	11
Ilkley	2
Keighley	3
Knaresborough	1
Leeds	33
Loftus	1
Luddenden	1
Marske-by-the-Sea	1
Masham	1
Middlesbrough	9
Mirfield	1
Otley	4
Pontefract	2
Pudsey, Leeds	1
Rastrick, Halifax	2
Redcar	1
Richmond	1
Ripon	1
Rotherham	8
Selby	1
Sheffield	47
Shipley, Bradford	4
Skipton	1
Sowerby, Halifax	1
Tadcaster	1
Thorne	1
Wakefield	7
Whitby	1
Wigganthorpe	1
York	6
	227

DURHAM.

Blaydon	1
Bishop Auckland	9
Chester-le-Street	3
Darlington	2
Durham	3
Easington	5
Felling	1
Ferry Hill	2
Framwellgate Moor	1
Gateshead	14
Hartlepool	2
Jarrow	1
Murton Colliery	1
Seaham Harbour	2
South Shields	7
Stockton	1
Sunderland	7
West Boldon	1
West Hartlepool	1
Witton Park	1
	65

CHESHIRE.

Altrincham	2
Birkenhead	13
Bowdon	1
Cheadle	1
Chester	6
Congleton	1
Crewe	5
Crowley	1
Disley	1
Hale	1
Knutsford	2
Liscard	1
Lymm	1
Macclesfield	1
Nantwich	2
New Brighton	1
Northwich	1
Rock Ferry	1
Runcorn	1
Sale	1
Seacombe	1
Stalybridge	1
Stockport	13
Tarvin	1
Walton	1
Wheelock	1
Willaston	1
	63

CUMBERLAND.

	No.
Alston	1
Arlecdon	1
Bootle	2
Carlisle	15
Cockermouth	9
Great Salkeld	1
Harrington	1
Keswick	1
Maryport	1
Millom	1
Moor Row	1
Netherton	1
Ravenglass	1
Ulpha	1
Whitehaven	2
Workington	1
	40

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Alnwick	2
Ford	1
Hartford	1
Hexham	2
Lemington	1
Morpeth	1
Newcastle-on-Tyne	13
Ponteland	1
Seaton Hirst	1
Tynemouth	1
Wallbottle	1
Whitley Bay	1
	26

WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside	3
Bowness	1
Burton	1
Crosthwaite	1
Hackthorpe	1
Kendal	9
Kirkby Stephen	1
Levens	1
Penrith	3
Pooley Bridge	1
Witherslack	1
	23

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	277
YORKSHIRE	227
DURHAM	65
CHESHIRE	63
CUMBERLAND	40
NORTHUMBERLAND	26
WESTMORLAND	23
	721
OTHER COUNTIES	12
TOTAL	733

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